

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of the claims:

Following is a listing of all claims in the present application, which listing supersedes all previously presented claims:

Claims 1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) An information recording method for use with a recording apparatus, the method complying with an optical disc format and comprising the steps of:

recording record information on a recording medium, the record information including 1) a plurality of VOBUs which are physical information of the record information ~~first information units~~, 2) one or more VOBs which are management information for managing the VOBUs as physical information units ~~second information units~~, each of which contains one or more VOBUs ~~first information units~~ and 3) one or more titles which are reproduction control information for controlling reproduction of the VOBUs ~~third information units~~, each of which contains one or more VOBUs ~~first information units~~;

recording first identifying information on the recording medium; and

recording second identifying information on the recording medium;

wherein the first identifying information corresponds to each of the one or more VOBs ~~second information units~~ and indicates whether a corresponding VOB ~~second information unit~~ is in a logically erased state, and the second identifying information

corresponds to each of the one or more titles ~~third information units~~ and prevents erasing or editing of a corresponding title ~~third information unit~~, and

~~wherein, when one of the first identifying information and the second identifying information is changed, the other of the first identifying information and the second identifying information changes relative to and in response to the change in the one of the first identifying information and the second identifying information.~~

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) The information recording method according to claim 15, wherein the second identifying information indicates whether a corresponding title ~~third information unit~~ is to be protected.

18-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) An information recording system for recording a data structure on a recording medium, the system complying with an optical disc format and comprising:

a first means for recording device which records record information of the data structure on a recording medium, the record information including (1) one or more VOBUs which are physical information of the record information ~~first information units~~, (2) one or more VOBs which are management information for managing the VOBUs as physical information unit ~~second information units~~, each of which contains one or more

VOBUs first information units, and (3) one or more titles which are reproduction control information for controlling reproduction of the VOBUs third information units, each of which contains one or more VOBUs first information units;

a second means for recording device which records first identifying information on the recording medium, the first identifying information being related to each of the VOBs first information units and including a first data protection protect flag that prevents erasing or editing of a corresponding VOB first information unit; and

a third means for recording device which records second identifying information on the recording medium, the second identifying information being related to each of the titles third information units and including a second data protection protect flag that prevents erasing or editing of a corresponding title third information unit,

wherein the first identifying information indicates whether a corresponding VOB second information unit is in a logically erased state, and

~~wherein, when one of the first identifying information and the second identifying information is changed, the other of the first identifying information and the second identifying information changes relative to and in response to the change in the one of the first identifying information and the second identifying information.~~

28. (Currently Amended) The information recording system according to claim 27, wherein the first data protection protect flag prevents erasing of the corresponding VOB first information unit and the second data protection protect flag prevents erasing of the corresponding title third information unit.

29. (Previously Presented) The information recording system according to claim 27, wherein the first data protection ~~protect~~ flag prevents editing of the corresponding VOB ~~first information unit~~ and the second data protection ~~protect~~ flag prevents editing of the corresponding title ~~third information unit~~.

30-32. (Canceled)

33. (New) The information recording method recited in claim 15, wherein, when one of the first identifying information and the second identifying information is changed by the recording apparatus, the other of the first identifying information and the second identifying information is changed by the recording apparatus relative to and in response to the change in the one of the first identifying information and the second identifying information.

34. (New) The information recording method recited in claim 27, wherein, when one of the second recording device and the third recording device changes one corresponding identifying information, the other of the second recording device and the third recording device changes the other corresponding identifying information relative to and in response to the change in the one of the first identifying information and the second identifying information.